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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR  
ENABLING COLLABORATIVE AUTHORING  
OF HIERARCHICAL DOCUMENTS

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 16 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.

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